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Housing Rights and Information for Renters

The COVID-19 pandemic has placed financial strain on many people, and the City of Cambridge has resources and programs to protect tenants and provide housing support. If you are a renter in Cambridge, you have many rights and resources available to you.

Rental Assistance

- If you are behind in rent, call the Cambridge Multi-Service Center at 617-349-6347 for assistance.
- The City's Housing Stabilization Program provides short term financial assistance to individuals and families in Cambridge who are experiencing housing instability.
 - To learn about eligibility and apply, visit: www.cambridgema.gov/HousingFund
- Questions? Contact the Multi-Service Center or the City's Housing Liaison at 617-349-6337.



Eviction Information

The City's Temporary Emergency Order on Eviction Enforcement remains in place. This means:

- Landlords cannot forcibly evict tenants from their units. You do not need to leave your unit because your landlord tells you to or gives you a notice to quit.
- If you receive an eviction notice from your landlord, there is a court process that must be followed. Seek legal advice and services, and do not leave your home.
- For more information about legal assistance, visit www.masslegalhelp.org or www.gbls.org/MADE or call the City's Housing Liaison at 617-349-6337.



Tenants Rights and Resources

- The City's 2020 Tenants Rights and Resources Notification Ordinance requires landlords to provide materials about basic tenant rights and resources if any notice to quit, notice of nonrenewal, or expiration is served.
- Learn more about tenant rights and resources: www.cambridgema.gov/TenantRights

